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The Palace,

Mysore,

4th September 1918.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant regarding the publication of Mr. Campbell's narrative of His Highness the Maharaja's Trip to Kashmir in the Mysore Patriot, I am directed to send you herewith Mr. A. Narasimhaiengar's letters in original for kind perusal and obliging return and to say that copies of the account were sent to two gentlemen, one of whom is Mr. Narasimhaiengar, who committed the mistake of showing it to some of his friends though he was asked to treat it as private. Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, who was indiscreetly allowed to take it home, seems to have taken undue advantage of Mr. Narasimhaiengar's kindness. Taking it for granted that the statement that he received a copy from his correspondent in Bangalore is true, he had no right whatever to publish matter of this kind without proper authority. He could never have been ignorant of the fact that it was intended for private circulation among a few selected friends of His Highness.

The unscrupulous methods employed to get hold of this private document and the publishing of the same without observing the common courtesy of obtaining the consent of the authorities concerned indicate the lines on which Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya conducts his journals.

The matter being trivial His Highness thinks that it is unworthy of serious notice and leaves it to you to take such action as you deem proper.

4/9/18

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.